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Dear David,

Thanks you very much for the Jim Moore book and the fair stories.

It may take me a little time to read the book because I am a slow reader and because I do most of my reading when I rest during my three hours of early-morning walking therapy.

I'll try ot use a highlighter and to make notes so I can respond to any questions you may have.

After the modest blurbing on the dust jacket I looked for sources and found none, then the bibliography and found no reference of the readily-available official records, there being no source notes, and I thus was not exactly started to see that he also has no index.

He without economizing on the modesty describes this as "definitive" so I anticipate I may need a dictionary not yet published.

If I did not confess it when we spoke I must now admit to a prejudice. After a check my wife made when I was writing this, a greater prejudice.

I think I told you that anyone has access to the materials I got under FOIA because I regard any user of FOIA as surrogate for the people, not the owner of that material as personal property. At least 90% and probably more of those who've come here and had unsupervised access to those records made it clear that they hold views contrary to mine but they still have access and the use of our copier in making copies. When this opens to writers about a third of a million pages of once-withheld official records and they have no interest in it I assume that they don't care about what officialdom regards as fact and sometimes is that and that they begin with preconceptions they do not want challenged. I do not have to assume that they are not scholarly because that is obvious. Jim Moore was not here and to the best of my recollection he did not ask me for any copies of any records. I sued twice for the results of the scientific testing. The FOIA investigatory files exemption was amended over the first of these two suits and he asked nothing about them while making a big thing out of the bullet called Exhibit 399, he expressed great indebtedness to Dr. John Lattimer and David Belin, who are partisans and also lack knowledge of the disclosed records and none of them have even asked what was disclosed to me in that litigation. I think, however, that these prejudices will not and have not influenced my judgement.

My wife was checking our records. We find orders from a Carl Henry who may or may not be the right one and from a Jim Moore who appears to be. I enclose copies. They both have Post Mortem and I'm interested in seeing what they do, if anything, about some of the new evidence in it. Like the EBI lab note that says the curbstone could have been struck by an automobile wheelweight, and the curbstone being patched before it was dug up and tested.

Separately I'm sending you a copy of Whitewash. It has gone through a dozen editions but I'm not now able to handle a regular printing or to move the cartons to make room for it, so we keep it available in the more costly form you'll see. All the other books are still at the original prices, remarkably cheap for today.

Sorry about my typing. I must keep my legs elevated when I'm not walking.

Those of your stories I've seen are fair and responsible, not the norm. So I hope you won't mind my expressing appreciation and respect for it.

Thanks and best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold